

MOTION TO THE MEETING OF EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL ON

17 DECEMBER 2019

Fireworks – Actions and Consultation

Motion to Council

Fireworks, responsibly used, are a well-established part of community events. However, East Lothian Council recognises the distress they can cause to vulnerable people, pets and wildlife; the debris left by their widespread use; and the greater risk of dangerous or anti-social behaviour where misused.

This Motion seeks that East Lothian Council resolves to:

- encourage all public firework displays within East Lothian to be advertised widely locally, in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for animals and vulnerable people which would mitigate some of the negative impacts;
- encourage all suppliers of fireworks in East Lothian to stock 'quieter' fireworks ;
- remind retailers who stock fireworks about their legal obligations regarding who they can sell fireworks to;
- actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks;
- run an online consultation on whether there should be a total ban on the sale of fireworks to members of the public and have fireworks only for sale for the purposes of a public display; and whether the maximum noise level of fireworks sold to the public for private displays should be limited to 90dbs; and
- request that the Chief Executive write to both the Scottish and UK Governments with the views of those who have taken part in the consultation to assist with the ongoing policy development process in this area.

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